



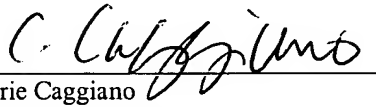
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pillai et al. Confirmation No.: 3156
Serial No: 10/042,721
Filed: May 29, 2002
For: AMINOCARBOXYLATE LIGANDS HAVING
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003 ("Office Action"). A Petition for a One Month Extension Of Time was filed concurrently to extend the time for filing this Amendment and Response from February 4, 2004 to March 4, 2004. Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.